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Inſpicere, tanquam in ſpeculum, in vitas omnium
Jul'eo, atque ex aliis ſumere exemplum ſibi. Ter.

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THE Paper of to-Day ſhall conſiſt of a Letter from my Friend Sir *Harry Lizard*, which, with my Anſwer, may be worth the Peruſal of young Men of Eſtates, and young Women without Fortunes. It is abſolutely neceſſary, that in our firſt vigorous Years we lay down ſome Law to our ſelves for the Conduct of future Life, which may at leaſt prevent eſſential Misfortunes. The cutting Cares which attend ſuch an Affection as that, againſt which I forewarn my Friend Sir *Harry*, are very well known to all who are called the Men of Pleaſure; but when they have oppoſed their Satisfactions to their Anxieties in an impartial Examination, they will find their Life not only a Dream, but a troubled and vexatious one.

Dear old Man,

'I Believe you are very much ſurpriſed, that in the 'ſeveral Letters I have written to you, ſince 'the Receipt of that wherein you recommend a 'young Lady for a Wife to your humble Servant, 'I have not made the leaſt mention of that Matter. 'It happens at this time, that I am not much in'clined to Marry; there are very many Matches in 'our Country, wherein the Parties live ſo inſipidly, 'or ſo vexatiouſly, that I am afraid to venture from 'their Example. Beſides, to tell you the Truth, 'good NESTOR, I am informed your fine young 'Woman is ſoon to be diſpoſed of elſewhere. As 'to the young Ladies of my Acquaintance in your 'great Town, I do not know one whom I could think 'of as a Wife, who is not either prepoſſeſſed with 'ſome Inclination for ſome other Man, or affects 'Pleaſures and Entertainments, which ſhe prefers 'to the Converſation of any Man living. Women 'of this kind are the moſt frequently met with of any 'ſort whatſoever, I mean they are the moſt fre'quent among People of Condition, that is to 'ſay, ſuch are eaſily to be had as would ſit at the 'Head of your Eſtate and Table, Lye-in by you for 'the ſake of receiving Viſits in Pomp at the end of 'the Month, and enjoy the like Gratifications from 'the Support of your Fortune, but you your ſelf 'would ſignifie no more to one of them than a Name 'in Truſt in a Settlement which conveys Land and 'Goods, but has no right for its own Uſe. A Woman 'of this turn can no more make a Wife, than an 'ambitious Man can be a Friend, they both ſacri'fice all the true Taſtes of Being, and Motives of 'Life, for the Oſtentation, the Noiſe, and the Ap'pearance of it. Their Hearts are turned to unna'tural Objects, and as the Men of Deſign can car'ry them on with an Excluſion of their daily Com'panions, ſo Women of this kind of Gaiety can 'live at Bed and Board with a Man, without any 'Affection to his Perſon. As to any Woman that 'you examine hereafter for my ſake, if you can 'poſſibly, find a Means to converſe with her 'at ſome Country Seat. If ſhe has no Reliſh for 'rural Views, but is undelighted with Streams, 'Fields, and Groves, I deſire to hear no more of 'her, ſhe has departed from Nature, and is irrevo'cably engaged in Vanity.

'I have ever been curious to obſerve the Arro'gance of a Town Lady when ſhe firſt comes down 'to her Husband's Seat, and beholding her Country 'Neighbours, wants ſomebody to laugh with 'her at the frightful things to whom ſhe her ſelf is 'equally Ridiculous. The pretty pitty-pat Step, 'the playing Head, and the fall back in the Curt'ſie, ſhe does not imagine, makes her as uncon'verſable and inacceſſible to our plain People, as 'the loud Voice, and ungainly Stride, render one 'of

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